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The Honorable Michele Bachmann
United States House of Representatives
103 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bachmann,

On behalf of the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) and our 330,000 members across the country, we are proud to endorse your Heartbeat Informed Consent Act.

The Heartbeat Informed Consent Act of 2011 simply requires that, prior to an abortion, an ultrasound must be performed and the image of the developing human life displayed and described for the mother. If a heartbeat is visible, it must be displayed to the mother and, if gestation age allows, made audible by a hand-held Doppler device. Most abortionists already perform an ultrasound before an abortion and in many instances the woman is not offered the same access to this medical and scientific information as the doctor.

When a woman knows more about the child she is carrying, her decision-making process is more balanced and therefore she can make a more informed choice. Many women have made decisions about abortion under fear and lack of knowledge, resulting in great suffering. The Heartbeat Informed Consent Act is about trusting women and assuring that they have access to accurate, real-time information relevant to the decision they are facing.

We sincerely thank you for leading this effort in ensuring that women are given the opportunity to learn more about their precious unborn child and its humanity.

For Life,

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President, Susan B. Anthony List